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SUBJECT: CODEL METZENBAUM

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1. WELCOME VISIT OF SENATOR AND MRS. METZENBAUM AND HAS DESIGNATED FSO EDWARD L. PECK AS CONTROL OFFICER.

2. EXTREMELY TIGHT HOTEL SITUATION, WITH WHICH DEPT IS VERY FAMILIAR, MAKES IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO SECURE ACCOMODATIONS SPECIFIED REFTEL. AT PRESENT OUR BEST HOPE IS HILTON, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE THUS FAR BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN ONLY A TENTATIVE COMMITMENT FOR NIGHTS OF 28TH AND 29TH. IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL, ROOM WILL BE HILTON STANDARD AND NOT, RPT, NOT DELUXE.

3. AMBASSADOR WOULD BE PLEASE HAVE METZENBAUMS AS GUESTS AT THE RESIDENCE ON NIGHT OF THE 26TH, AND WE HAVE REQUESTED RESERVATIONS AT LUXOR FOR THE 27TH. SENATOR SHOULD BE TOLD, HOWEVER, RESIDENCE OFFERS NO VIEW OF THE NILE AND ITS SMALL GUEST HOUSE ONLY HAS TWO SINGLE BEDS. IF HILTON PLANS FAIL TO MATERIALIZE, THEY COULD AGAIN BE ACCOMODATED AT THE RESIDENCE ON THE 28TH AND 29TH.

4. PENDING RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSING QUESTION, EMBASSY SUGGESTS FOLLOWING TENTATIVE ITINERARY.

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EXACT SEQUENCE OF EVENTS WILL BE MODIFIED TO MATCH

AVAILABILITY OF HOTEL SPACE IN LUXOR.

A. ARRIVE CAIRO 2005 OCTOBER 26, PROCEED TO HOTEL OR RESIDENCE.

B. OCTOBER 27. A.M. DEPARTURE BY AIR FOR ASWAN. DEPARTURE IN P.M. BY AIR FOR LUXOR, REMAIN OVERNIGHT.

C. OCTOBER 28. VISIT LUXOR. DEPARTURE BY AIR FOR CAIRO IN P. M. REMAIN OVERNIGHT AT HILTON OR RESIDENCE.

D. OCTOBER 29.
DEPARTURE FOR ALEXANDRIA BY TRAIN
(RECOMMENDED) OR BY CAR. RETURN IN P.M. BY CAR.

E. OCTOBER 30. DEPARTURE FOR ATHENS AT 1015.

5. AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO ABOVE, FULL DAY IN CAIRO COULD BE SUBSTITUTED FOR VISIT TO ALEXANDRIA. A ONE-DAY TRIP TO ASWAN AND LUXOR CAN BE MADE, BUT THE TIME AVAILABLE FOR SEEING LUXOR WOULD BE LIMITED TO ABOUT AN HOUR AND ONE HALF, PART OF ITS IN DARKNESS. IF ASWAN IS DROPPED, LUXOR CAN BE DONE FAIRLY WELL IN ONE DAY.

6. WE WILL KEEP DEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MATTER OF HOTEL SPACE. CODEL'S VIEWS ON THE ABOVE INFORMATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

7. ALTHOUGH CODEL DID NOT ASK FOR CALL ON PRESIDENT SADAT, SHOULD SUBJECT ARISE DEPT MIGHT WISH TO TELL THE SENATOR THAT THE PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER WILL BE IN RABAT ATTENDING THE ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE DURING PERIOD CODEL'S VISIT.
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